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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cohen, patent number 6,422,462.

Cohen teaches a computer system and corresponding computer method for verifying a commercial transaction comprising: a processing unit for processing data and code and a memory unit for storing data and code which includes a merchant communications module to connect with the merchant for receiving a transaction approval request (col. 5, lines 35-50); data including at least one pre-verification criteria associated with the account holder (col. 7, lines 20-67); and code further including an authorization module responsive to the transaction approval request to compare the request with the pre-verification criteria and to verify the request if the criteria is satisfied (col. 5, lines 45-50, col. 7, line 20 – col. 8, line 67). Cohen also teaches a plurality of verification criteria and verifying the request if at least one criteria is satisfied or if all of the criteria are satisfied (col. 7, line 65 - col. 8, line 40); the criteria are determined by the account holder (col. 7, lines 20-25, col. 9, lines 15-25); receive and establish a connection with the account holder, authenticate the account holder, present at

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least one criteria to the account holder, and receive modification instructions from the account holder (col. 3, lines 40-55, col. 12, lines 34-60); prior to receiving the modification instructions, none of the criteria can be satisfied (col. 9, lines 12-20); the pre-verification criteria includes at least one merchant identifier (col. 8, lines 40-47) for comparing and verifying the merchant associated with the transaction; the pre-verification criteria includes a maximum purchase price (col. 10, lines 28-31, 49-51) for comparison and verification of the transaction; criteria include a begin and end date for comparison and verification of the transaction (col. 7, lines 20-65).

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Gephart, patent number 6,339,766 and Flitcroft, WO 00/49586 teach limited use credit cards (abstracts).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M Kemper whose telephone number is 703-305-9589. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric W. Stamber can be reached on 703-305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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